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Weekly Container Overview



New Monthly Data: Starting now and about every fourth issue thereafter, OSCAR will provide monthly containerized agricultural export data, including the top 10 commodities shipped, the top 10 ports used, and a breakdown of container types used. See page 2 for more detail.

- **Ports:** The ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Norfolk, and Oakland are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over the next 3 weeks. Container availability estimates for Los Angeles/Long Beach and Oakland increased over the previous week and estimates for New York and Norfolk fell. Over the next 3 weeks, overall availability in Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, and Norfolk is expected to increase; decreases are expected in Oakland.
- **Inland Locations:** Among the reported inland locations, Chicago, Dallas, Memphis, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Although each of these locations experienced decreases from the previous week, availability at each location is expected to increase over the next 3 weeks.
- **Equipment:** Overall, availability of all container types combined was down more than 3,100 units from the previous week and more than 10,000 units over the past 3 weeks.
 - Container availability decreased this week for each container type except for 40ft and 20ft refrigerated containers (see table below). Availability of 40ft dry and high-cube containers has declined for 4 consecutive weeks. However, availability of 20ft refrigerated containers is up for the fourth consecutive week, particularly in Oakland, Chicago, and Tacoma.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Mar 13-19	*Week of Mar 20-26	Week of Mar 27-Apr 2	Week of Apr 3-9	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	11,119	11,059	11,021	9,042	-18%
40ft dry	11,481	10,942	9,304	8,452	-9%
40ft high-cube	18,656	16,444	14,686	14,201	-3%
40ft refrigerated	2,669	2,257	1,488	1,670	12%
20ft refrigerated	128	179	194	222	14%

*Data updated to reflect all 8 participating carriers.

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Containerized Agricultural Export Data

To provide additional insight and supplement the container availability data provided in OSCAR, monthly summary data on total containerized agricultural exports are now provided (note: ocean carriers reporting for OSCAR move about 40 percent of the cargo represented in the data below). This new data series begins with data for April, and updates will be provided each month thereafter. The data provided represents all waterborne containerized agricultural exports moved on average in a given month over the past 5 years (i.e. 2008-2012). These data report the top ten commodities moved, the top ten ports used, and a breakout of the types of containers used. As time goes on, the data may be supplemented with additional data as needed and as resources allow.

Top 10 U.S. Waterborne Containerized Agricultural Exports, 5-Year Average, April 2008-2012

Commodities	Metric Tons	TEU
Animal feed	448,940	37,987
Grocery items	254,185	27,568
Soybeans	239,654	16,806
Poultry	189,859	15,526
Cotton	184,836	18,362
Meat	171,717	15,777
Vegetables	144,193	11,856
Grain products, cereal, flour	136,155	9,446
Bulk grains	126,333	9,020
Oranges	90,846	9,035
Other	815,156	70,026
Total	2,801,873	241,409

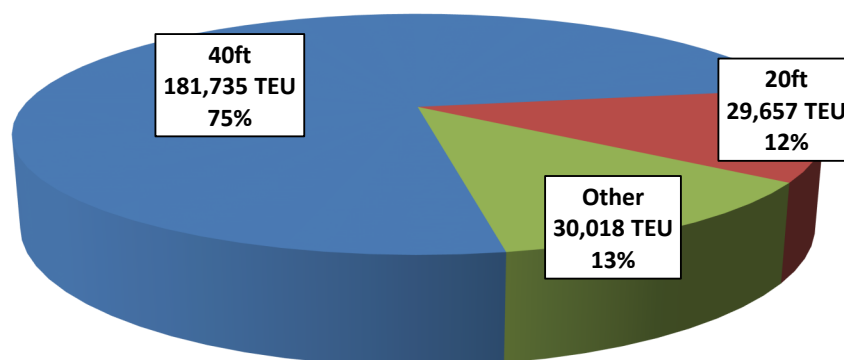
Source: Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS)

Top 10 Ports Moving U.S. Waterborne Containerized Agricultural Exports, 5-Year Average, April 2008-2012

U.S. Ports	Metric Tons	TEU
Los Angeles	570,610	47,461
Long Beach	396,707	33,178
Oakland	361,905	30,747
Seattle	243,084	19,709
Tacoma	206,910	16,815
Savannah	179,315	15,446
Norfolk	169,455	14,355
New York	116,252	11,247
Jacksonville	92,176	10,356
Houston	89,018	7,149
Other	376,442	34,947
Total	2,801,873	241,409

Source: Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS)

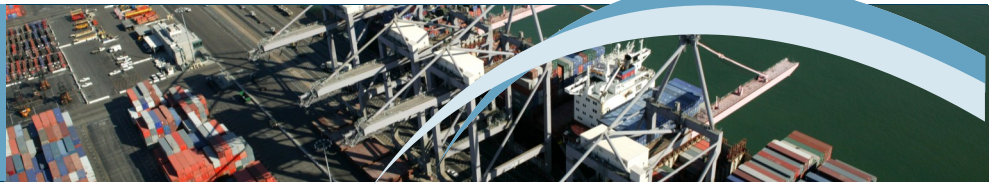
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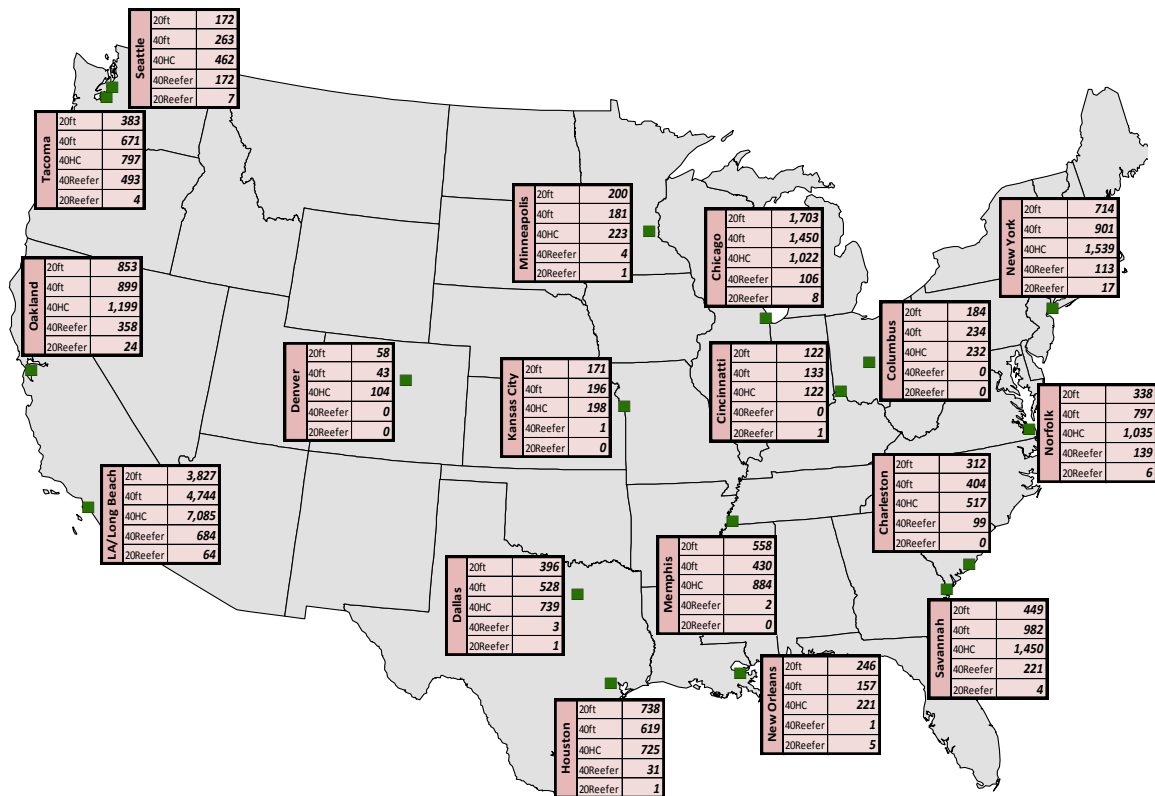
Note: Data include all types of containers including high-cube and refrigerated equipment.
Source: Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS)

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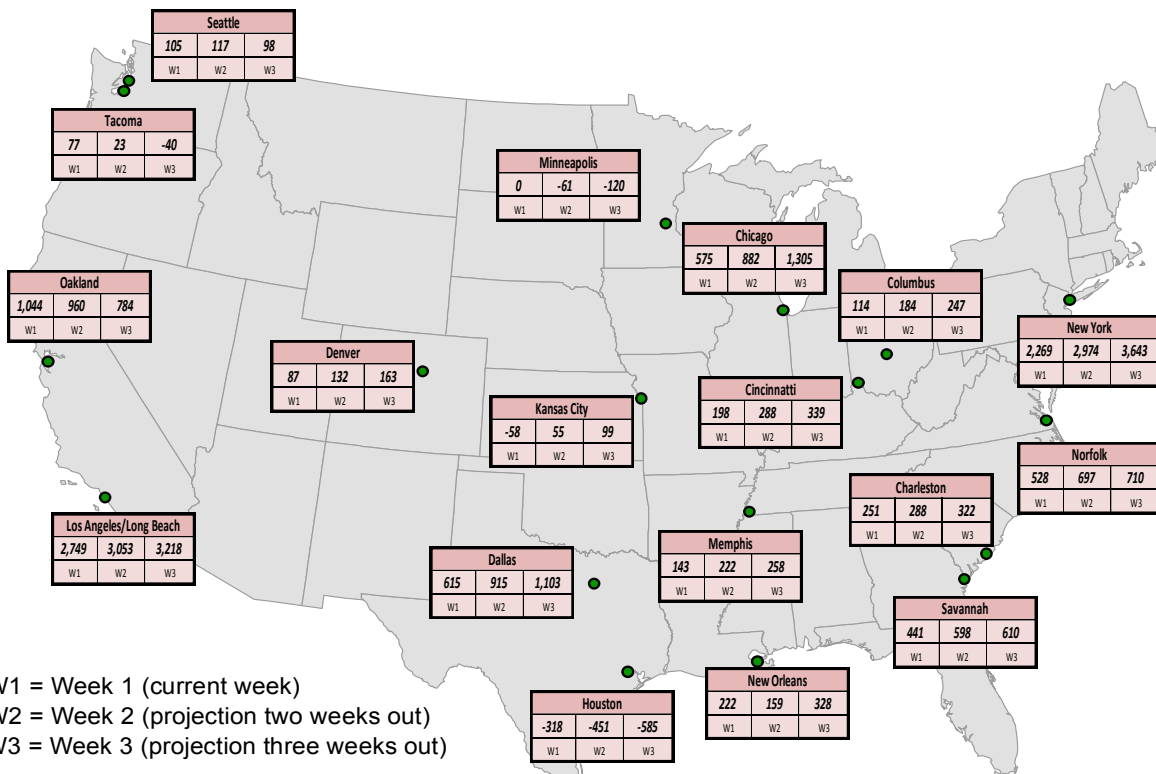
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



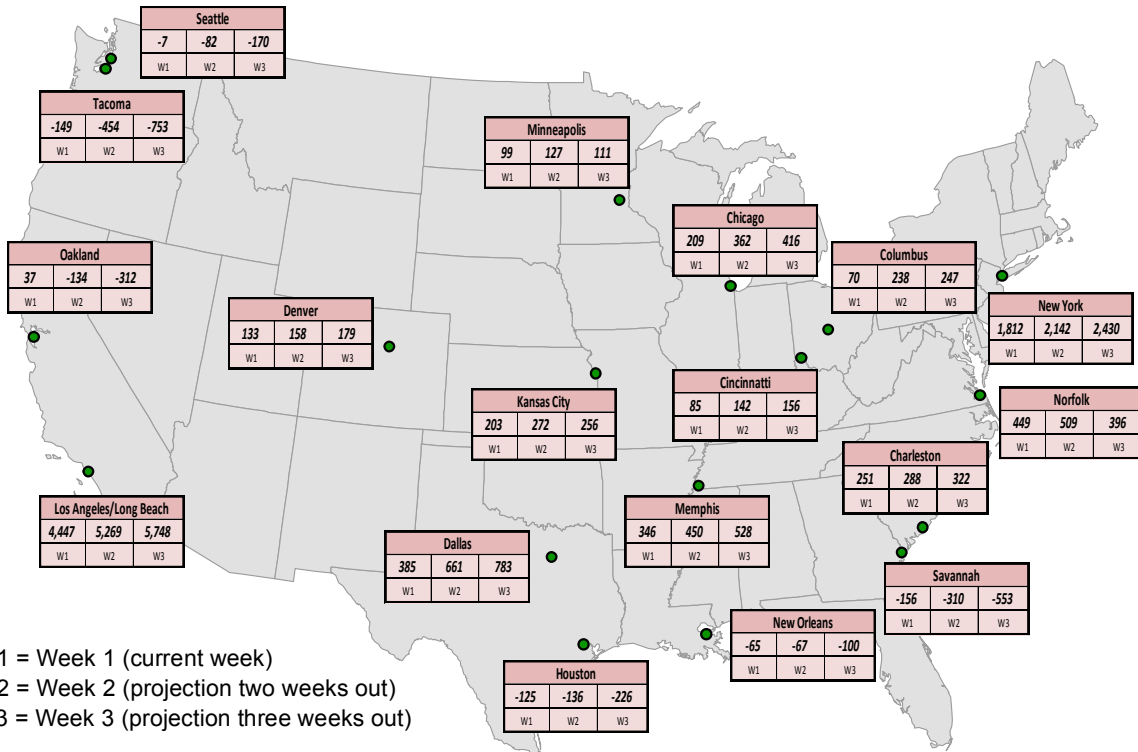
W1 = Week 1 (current week)

W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)

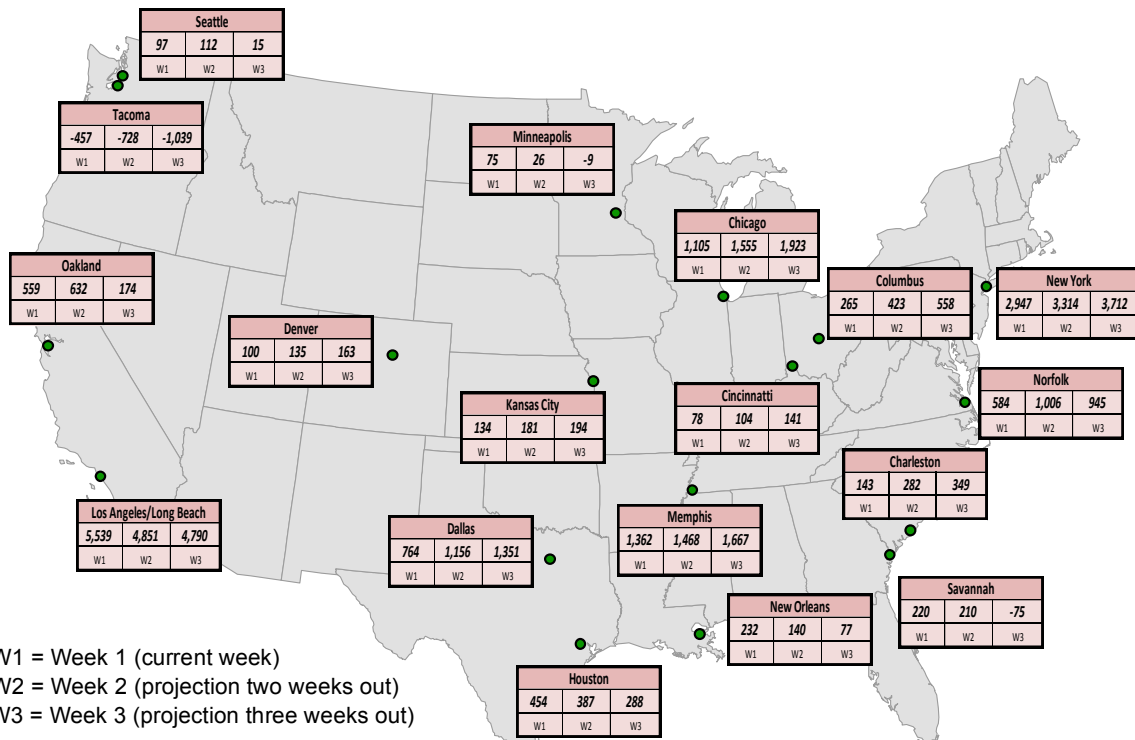
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

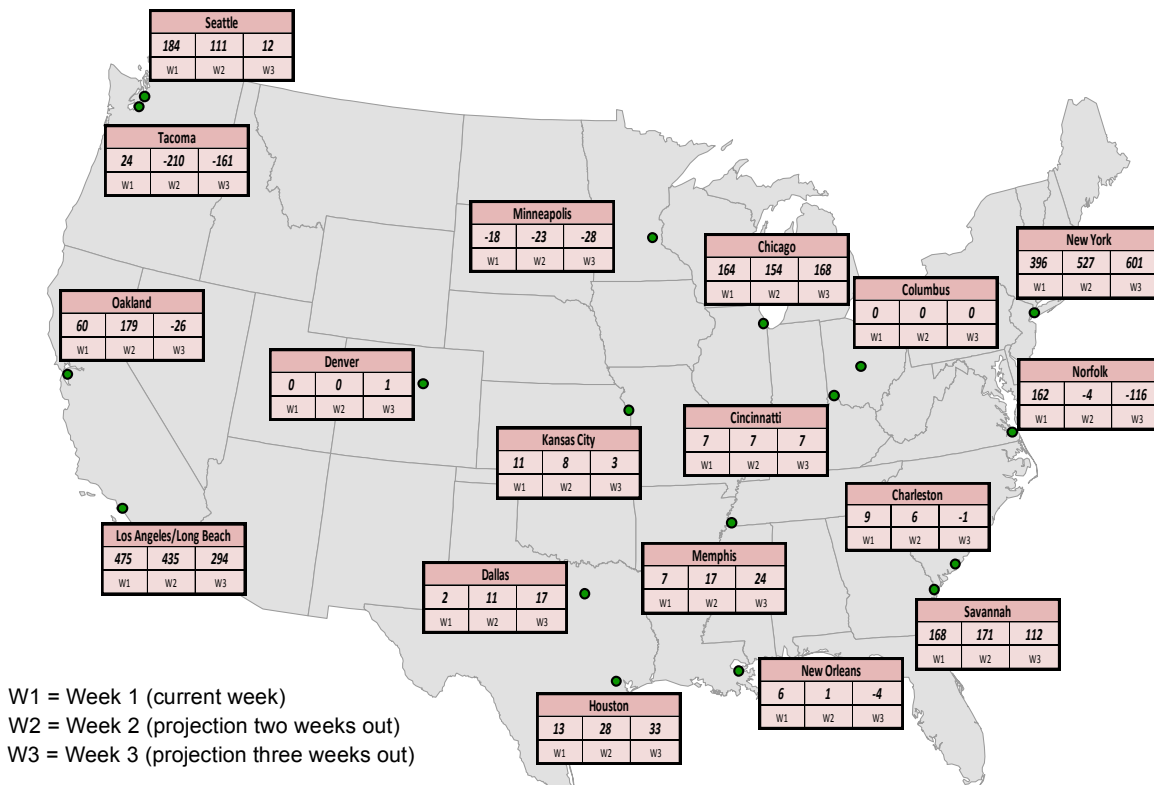


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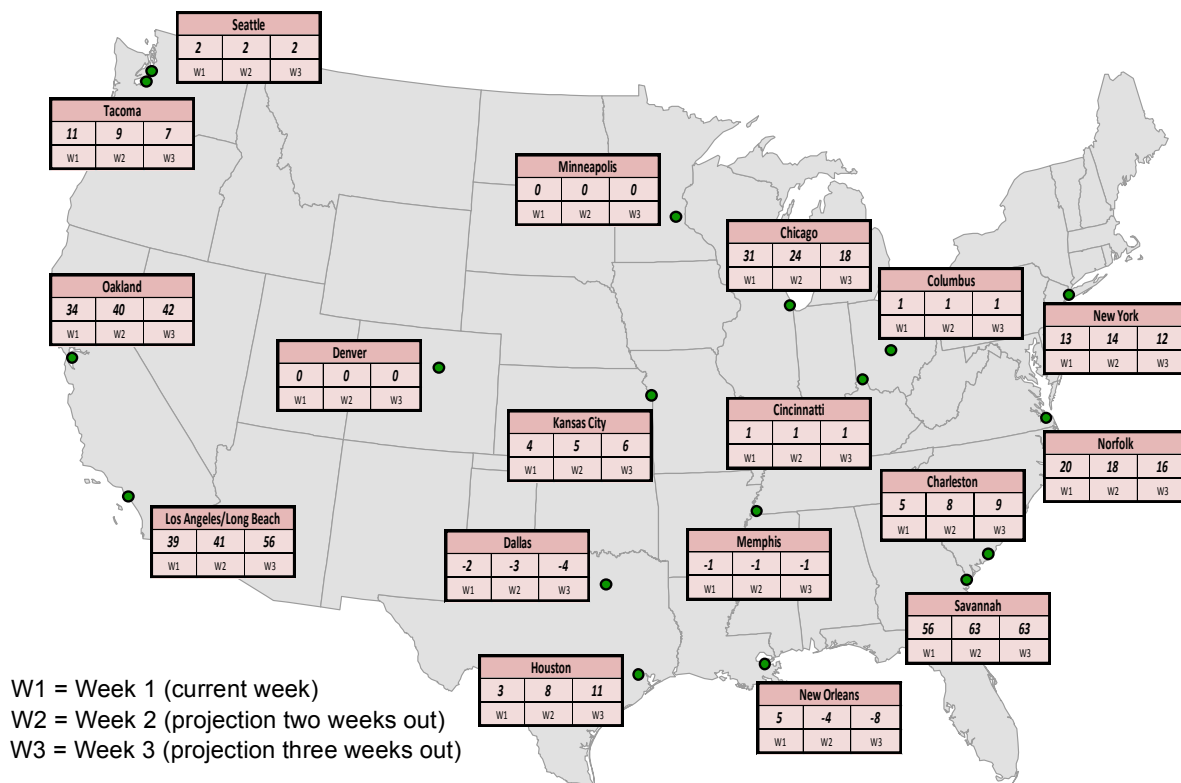
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



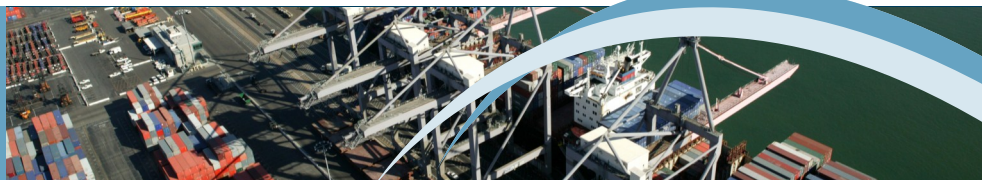


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	129	50	46	34	33	28	2	-71	.	.	251
Week 2: Apr 10-16	142	50	46	-6	41	84	4	-73	.	.	288
Week 3: Apr 17-23	162	50	46	24	49	62	4	-75	.	.	322
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	317	151	50	50	45	38	20	8	.	.	679
Week 2: Apr 10-16	395	182	38	134	45	-24	20	7	.	.	797
Week 3: Apr 17-23	454	199	25	110	45	7	20	6	.	.	866
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	169	52	28	27	10	8	-22	-129	.	.	143
Week 2: Apr 10-16	214	63	-31	27	10	8	-26	17	.	.	282
Week 3: Apr 17-23	293	75	-11	27	10	6	-66	15	.	.	349
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	70	20	10	5	1	-10	-87	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Apr 10-16	41	19	13	5	1	-15	-58	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Apr 17-23	8	19	17	5	1	-11	-40	.	.	.	-1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Apr 10-16	3	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Apr 17-23	4	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	416	400	40	10	-26	-71	-74	-120	.	.	575
Week 2: Apr 10-16	629	400	40	10	-36	-123	-21	-17	.	.	882
Week 3: Apr 17-23	838	400	40	5	-43	-150	343	-128	.	.	1,305
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	600	13	11	-9	-42	-56	-60	-248	.	.	209
Week 2: Apr 10-16	600	13	11	-23	73	-48	-34	-230	.	.	362
Week 3: Apr 17-23	600	13	11	-35	187	-67	-154	-139	.	.	416
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	700	518	39	12	6	-9	-74	-87	.	.	1,105
Week 2: Apr 10-16	700	737	39	12	34	10	-21	44	.	.	1,555
Week 3: Apr 17-23	700	958	39	12	159	-43	-25	123	.	.	1,923
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	136	10	10	9	0	-1	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Apr 10-16	132	5	10	9	0	-2	.	.	.	.	154
Week 3: Apr 17-23	133	17	11	9	0	-2	.	.	.	.	168
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	30	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 2: Apr 10-16	25	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Apr 17-23	20	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	67	33	25	20	20	18	15	0	.	.	198
Week 2: Apr 10-16	92	33	25	34	44	47	14	-1	.	.	288
Week 3: Apr 17-23	119	33	25	45	56	46	19	-4	.	.	339
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	38	28	25	15	13	0	-3	-31	.	.	85
Week 2: Apr 10-16	53	39	25	15	8	0	-5	7	.	.	142
Week 3: Apr 17-23	80	49	25	17	3	0	-10	-8	.	.	156
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	50	22	19	11	7	5	-4	-32	.	.	78
Week 2: Apr 10-16	50	38	15	8	3	5	-4	-11	.	.	104
Week 3: Apr 17-23	50	51	12	12	-3	5	-6	20	.	.	141
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 10-16	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Apr 17-23	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1	1
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1	1
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	79	13	10	10	7	5	0	-10	.	.	114
Week 2: Apr 10-16	97	16	12	10	7	2	39	1	.	.	184
Week 3: Apr 17-23	112	16	12	10	7	3	44	43	.	.	247
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	45	45	22	12	11	7	4	-76	.	.	70
Week 2: Apr 10-16	68	45	35	20	11	7	0	52	.	.	238
Week 3: Apr 17-23	87	45	52	30	16	7	2	8	.	.	247
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	198	80	33	15	9	4	-7	-67	.	.	265
Week 2: Apr 10-16	264	80	74	15	9	12	-18	-13	.	.	423
Week 3: Apr 17-23	333	80	94	14	9	24	-20	24	.	.	558
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 10-16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 17-23	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1	1
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1	1
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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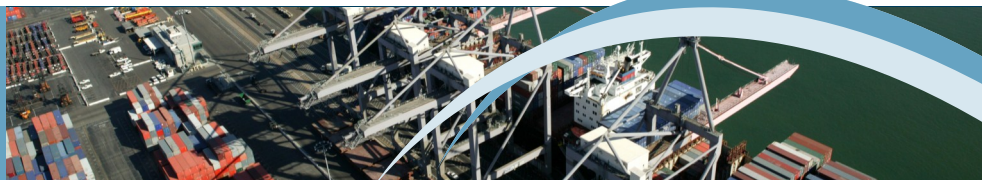


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	270	91	89	75	46	24	13	7	.	.	615
Week 2: Apr 10-16	403	140	119	75	99	20	13	46	.	.	915
Week 3: Apr 17-23	534	205	182	75	78	20	13	-4	.	.	1,103
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	125	106	93	24	23	9	6	-1	.	.	385
Week 2: Apr 10-16	125	197	89	101	20	55	75	-1	.	.	661
Week 3: Apr 17-23	125	287	175	128	20	-11	60	-1	.	.	783
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	352	118	100	75	63	28	23	5	.	.	764
Week 2: Apr 10-16	477	181	100	75	159	107	22	35	.	.	1,156
Week 3: Apr 17-23	586	302	100	75	204	88	20	-24	.	.	1,351
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 10-16	0	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-1	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	-2	-2
Week 2: Apr 10-16	-3	-3
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-4	-4

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	89	20	15	3	-8	-8	-9	-15	.	.	87
Week 2: Apr 10-16	117	20	24	-6	-8	-2	-3	-10	.	.	132
Week 3: Apr 17-23	143	20	26	-4	-8	-3	-3	-8	.	.	163
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	58	38	11	10	10	5	2	-1	.	.	133
Week 2: Apr 10-16	71	32	16	15	10	5	4	5	.	.	158
Week 3: Apr 17-23	85	34	15	26	10	5	0	4	.	.	179
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	68	12	10	7	5	1	-1	-2	.	.	100
Week 2: Apr 10-16	89	13	10	8	5	1	0	9	.	.	135
Week 3: Apr 17-23	115	13	10	13	5	1	-1	7	.	.	163
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 17-23	2	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	0
Week 2: Apr 10-16	0
Week 3: Apr 17-23	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	60	42	30	8	6	0	-81	-383	.	.	-318
Week 2: Apr 10-16	32	20	30	9	6	8	-49	-507	.	.	-451
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-16	7	30	9	6	5	14	-640	.	.	-585
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	185	147	17	4	1	-2	-98	-379	.	.	-125
Week 2: Apr 10-16	185	149	12	4	2	-13	11	-486	.	.	-136
Week 3: Apr 17-23	185	132	26	4	4	-15	7	-569	.	.	-226
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	512	50	21	21	5	-41	-52	-62	.	.	454
Week 2: Apr 10-16	363	50	9	68	2	-38	-5	-62	.	.	387
Week 3: Apr 17-23	221	50	29	99	1	-40	-10	-62	.	.	288
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	15	5	2	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 10-16	15	4	2	0	7	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 3: Apr 17-23	10	3	2	0	18	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	12	0	-9	3
Week 2: Apr 10-16	15	0	-7	8
Week 3: Apr 17-23	18	0	-7	11

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	24	16	5	1	-1	-10	-15	-78	.	.	-58
Week 2: Apr 10-16	44	30	5	1	2	-8	-24	5	.	.	55
Week 3: Apr 17-23	65	37	5	1	4	-4	10	-19	.	.	99
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	170	48	12	11	0	-6	-10	-22	.	.	203
Week 2: Apr 10-16	170	58	22	36	0	0	-12	-2	.	.	272
Week 3: Apr 17-23	170	66	28	-20	0	0	-15	27	.	.	256
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	130	87	0	-1	-12	-12	-22	-36	.	.	134
Week 2: Apr 10-16	130	127	0	1	-15	-4	3	-61	.	.	181
Week 3: Apr 17-23	130	192	0	-3	-18	-8	-13	-86	.	.	194
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	8	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Apr 10-16	5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Apr 17-23	0	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	4	0	4
Week 2: Apr 10-16	5	0	5
Week 3: Apr 17-23	6	0	6

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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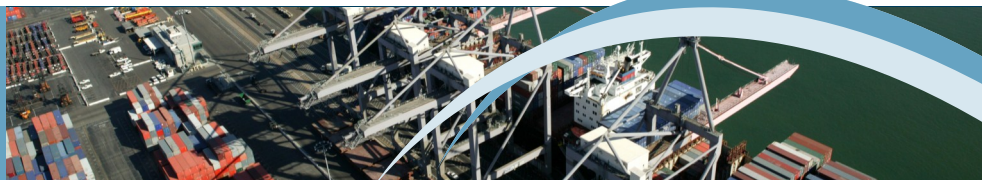


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1,300	350	308	301	297	107	45	41	.	.	2,749
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1,300	490	308	391	166	234	50	114	.	.	3,053
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1,300	420	308	559	-42	363	50	260	.	.	3,218
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1,400	1,125	740	401	316	229	191	45	.	.	4,447
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1,400	1,435	719	692	461	229	283	50	.	.	5,269
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1,400	1,849	650	1,013	601	229	-44	50	.	.	5,748
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	3,100	1,179	1,011	576	60	-10	-122	-255	.	.	5,539
Week 2: Apr 10-16	3,100	1,120	585	576	60	-27	-241	-322	.	.	4,851
Week 3: Apr 17-23	3,100	1,050	870	576	60	-231	-256	-379	.	.	4,790
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	230	147	100	78	75	-52	-103	.	.	.	475
Week 2: Apr 10-16	111	175	100	115	75	-52	-89	.	.	.	435
Week 3: Apr 17-23	92	204	100	.	75	-52	-125	.	.	.	294
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	31	10	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Apr 10-16	20	10	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Apr 17-23	38	10	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

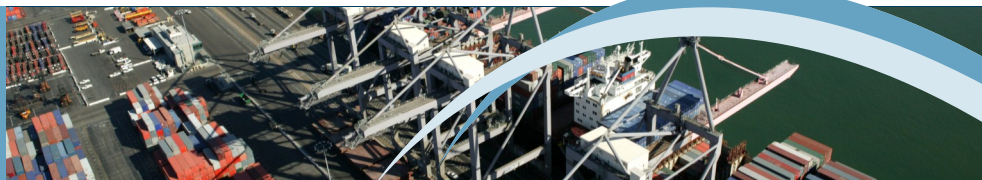


Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	80	63	56	20	2	2	1	-81	.	.	143
Week 2: Apr 10-16	80	89	32	20	38	1	12	-50	.	.	222
Week 3: Apr 17-23	80	121	21	20	42	1	10	-37	.	.	258
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	200	146	61	39	6	4	-22	-88	.	.	346
Week 2: Apr 10-16	200	184	86	60	10	4	0	-94	.	.	450
Week 3: Apr 17-23	200	180	180	59	12	4	-15	-92	.	.	528
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1,000	171	133	77	8	-1	-4	-22	.	.	1,362
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1,000	196	187	94	7	-1	-19	4	.	.	1,468
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1,000	230	235	180	5	-1	21	-3	.	.	1,667
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	7	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 10-16	15	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Apr 17-23	20	0	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Apr 10-16	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	100	34	14	4	1	-9	-19	-125	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 10-16	100	39	4	-28	1	-9	8	-176	.	.	-61
Week 3: Apr 17-23	100	64	4	-69	1	-8	5	-217	.	.	-120
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	98	30	7	6	1	0	-2	-41	.	.	99
Week 2: Apr 10-16	70	30	7	4	1	8	-10	17	.	.	127
Week 3: Apr 17-23	51	30	7	-18	5	34	-10	12	.	.	111
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	125	20	11	0	-1	-10	-12	-58	.	.	75
Week 2: Apr 10-16	125	10	11	1	4	-10	4	-119	.	.	26
Week 3: Apr 17-23	125	13	11	1	32	-10	2	-183	.	.	-9
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 2: Apr 10-16	0	-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
Week 3: Apr 17-23	0	-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-28
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	0
Week 2: Apr 10-16	0
Week 3: Apr 17-23	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	233	14	2	2	0	-3	-4	-22	.	.	222
Week 2: Apr 10-16	171	15	2	-1	0	-5	4	-27	.	.	159
Week 3: Apr 17-23	337	16	2	-1	0	-6	6	-26	.	.	328
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	14	4	3	0	0	-1	-35	-50	.	.	-65
Week 2: Apr 10-16	18	4	4	0	0	0	-17	-76	.	.	-67
Week 3: Apr 17-23	17	5	16	0	0	0	-8	-130	.	.	-100
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	214	15	11	8	0	0	-3	-13	.	.	232
Week 2: Apr 10-16	113	18	8	15	0	0	-3	-11	.	.	140
Week 3: Apr 17-23	18	17	9	25	0	0	-3	11	.	.	77
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	14	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Apr 10-16	9	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 17-23	4	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Apr 10-16	-6	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-10	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	704	563	475	229	140	107	30	21	.	.	2,269
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1,031	629	475	414	217	107	40	61	.	.	2,974
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1,362	734	475	607	205	107	45	108	.	.	3,643
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	831	503	350	79	66	25	6	-48	.	.	1,812
Week 2: Apr 10-16	779	762	350	122	145	35	6	-57	.	.	2,142
Week 3: Apr 17-23	828	1,028	350	178	130	40	6	-130	.	.	2,430
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1,200	958	390	187	156	73	25	-42	.	.	2,947
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1,200	874	671	275	156	30	35	73	.	.	3,314
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1,200	927	978	284	156	55	50	62	.	.	3,712
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	106	97	69	63	36	15	10	.	.	.	396
Week 2: Apr 10-16	163	145	67	91	36	15	10	.	.	.	527
Week 3: Apr 17-23	205	191	11	128	36	20	10	.	.	.	601
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	12	5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 10-16	15	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Apr 17-23	18	5	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	247	138	100	78	23	10	-2	-66	.	.	528
Week 2: Apr 10-16	227	150	100	160	50	10	-2	2	.	.	697
Week 3: Apr 17-23	207	129	100	255	6	10	-2	5	.	.	710
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	250	213	53	12	-6	-10	-23	-40	.	.	449
Week 2: Apr 10-16	250	181	59	10	-9	-10	2	26	.	.	509
Week 3: Apr 17-23	250	188	41	10	1	-10	4	-88	.	.	396
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	500	289	225	10	-7	-53	-188	-192	.	.	584
Week 2: Apr 10-16	500	207	312	10	-7	87	-41	-62	.	.	1,006
Week 3: Apr 17-23	500	207	378	10	-7	-6	-60	-77	.	.	945
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	93	65	19	10	0	-10	-15	.	.	.	162
Week 2: Apr 10-16	29	45	-41	10	0	-15	-32	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-36	40	-88	10	0	-15	-27	.	.	.	-116
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	17	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Apr 10-16	14	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Apr 17-23	11	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	404	330	194	86	50	18	-9	-29	.	.	1,044
Week 2: Apr 10-16	343	330	146	109	50	18	-11	-25	.	.	960
Week 3: Apr 17-23	265	330	100	88	50	20	-23	-46	.	.	784
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	180	38	16	-8	-10	-39	-48	-92	.	.	37
Week 2: Apr 10-16	180	-143	19	-18	-10	35	-99	-98	.	.	-134
Week 3: Apr 17-23	180	-235	19	-67	-10	30	-156	-73	.	.	-312
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	494	450	64	20	16	-5	-68	-412	.	.	559
Week 2: Apr 10-16	567	450	56	18	-137	-5	-52	-265	.	.	632
Week 3: Apr 17-23	642	450	-31	25	-610	-5	-57	-240	.	.	174
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	316	68	60	10	-64	-74	-84	-172	.	.	60
Week 2: Apr 10-16	298	93	50	10	-59	-74	-99	-40	.	.	179
Week 3: Apr 17-23	244	122	50	10	-68	-74	-100	-210	.	.	-26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	19	10	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 2: Apr 10-16	27	10	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 3: Apr 17-23	33	10	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	42

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	160	100	80	41	26	18	12	4	.	.	441
Week 2: Apr 10-16	224	100	103	41	67	10	18	35	.	.	598
Week 3: Apr 17-23	291	100	144	41	66	12	-69	25	.	.	610
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	459	60	53	12	-2	-51	-102	-585	.	.	-156
Week 2: Apr 10-16	561	60	-34	10	-21	-51	-49	-786	.	.	-310
Week 3: Apr 17-23	653	60	-94	10	-40	-51	-129	-962	.	.	-553
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	382	375	12	-24	-59	-88	-181	-197	.	.	220
Week 2: Apr 10-16	397	375	10	-24	-101	-91	-48	-308	.	.	210
Week 3: Apr 17-23	442	375	10	-24	-232	-102	-135	-409	.	.	-75
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	146	89	5	0	-2	-25	-45	.	.	.	168
Week 2: Apr 10-16	179	67	5	-8	-2	-20	-50	.	.	.	171
Week 3: Apr 17-23	193	22	5	-14	-2	-20	-72	.	.	.	112
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	32	23	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Week 2: Apr 10-16	41	21	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 3: Apr 17-23	41	21	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	70	21	10	7	3	-6	.	.	.	.	105
Week 2: Apr 10-16	70	47	10	2	-6	-6	.	.	.	.	117
Week 3: Apr 17-23	70	38	10	0	-14	-6	.	.	.	.	98
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	85	24	10	-1	-1	-124	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 2: Apr 10-16	85	12	10	-1	3	-191	.	.	.	.	-82
Week 3: Apr 17-23	85	-5	10	-1	0	-259	.	.	.	.	-170
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	106	40	19	10	2	-80	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Apr 10-16	94	40	48	10	0	-80	.	.	.	.	112
Week 3: Apr 17-23	81	40	-28	10	-8	-80	.	.	.	.	15
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	157	69	30	20	-92	.	.	.	.	.	184
Week 2: Apr 10-16	66	82	35	20	-92	.	.	.	.	.	111
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-17	71	30	20	-92	.	.	.	.	.	12
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 10-16	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Apr 17-23	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	85	15	14	10	-7	-19	-21	.	.	.	77
Week 2: Apr 10-16	81	15	14	10	-39	-48	-10	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Apr 17-23	63	15	14	10	-63	-67	-12	.	.	.	-40
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	80	8	-8	-8	-13	-81	-127	.	.	.	-149
Week 2: Apr 10-16	80	8	-314	-8	-29	-121	-70	.	.	.	-454
Week 3: Apr 17-23	80	8	-561	-8	-53	-140	-79	.	.	.	-753
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	135	100	8	-45	-61	-179	-415	.	.	.	-457
Week 2: Apr 10-16	-58	100	10	-45	-134	-256	-345	.	.	.	-728
Week 3: Apr 17-23	-297	100	10	-45	-214	-243	-350	.	.	.	-1,039
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	290	18	5	0	-19	-99	-171	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Apr 10-16	314	-240	5	0	-19	-109	-161	.	.	.	-210
Week 3: Apr 17-23	293	-103	5	0	-19	-166	-171	.	.	.	-161
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 3-9	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Apr 10-16	8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Apr 17-23	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

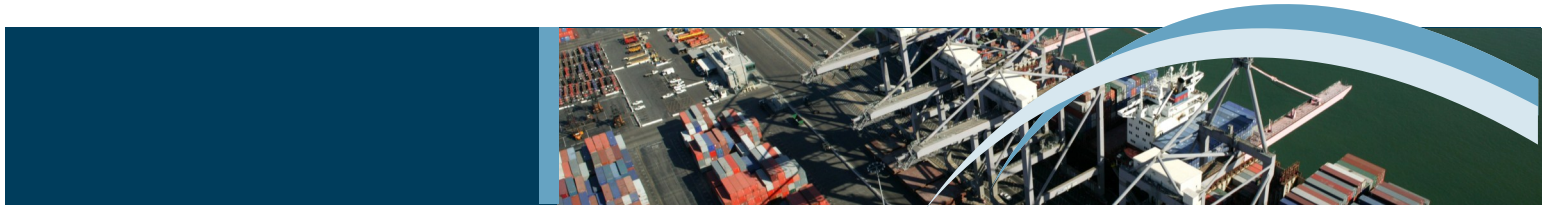
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from the 8 member carriers in the Westbound Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (WTSA). The WTSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, OOCL, K Line, and Hyundai Merchant Marine.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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